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"(b) The particulars are not readily available. The Government consider that the labour and time involved in collecting the particulars will not be commensurate with any purpose likely to be served thereby."

East India Distilleries and Sugar Factories, Limited, Nellikuppam, South Arcot.

* 722 *Q.*—SRI S. RADHAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the East India Distilleries and Sugar Factories, Limited, Nellikuppam, South Arcot district, are collecting Rs. 6 (six) per acre every year from the cane ryots of the Thiruvadi Anicut area, and if so, the reasons for it; and whether the Government have authorized them to do so?

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" The answer to the first part of the question is in the affirmative.

As regards the second part, the following are the circumstances under which Messrs. East India Distilleries and Sugar Factory, Ltd., Nellikuppam, collect a sum of Rs. 6 per acre from the sugarcane ryots of the Thiruvadi Anicut area :—

(1) There is a wide belt of sugarcane cultivation under the Thiruvadi channel. Almost all the sugarcane grown in the area is supplied to the sugar factory for crushing;

(2) The channel has to be cleared of silt and weeds by kudimaramath. Due to neglect of the ryots to attend to this work and with a view to keep the channel in good condition, the factory is advancing the cost of clearance and recovering it from the sugarcane growers at about Rs. 6 per acre. The clearance is generally done in the sugarcane cultivation reaches only. The payment is voluntary and is not forced on sugarcane growers who are unwilling to pay the amount.

In view of the answer to the second part of the question, the last part of the question does not arise."

SRI S. RADHAKRISHNAN :—" In view of the fact that the amount is collected in respect of lands grown with sugarcane and there is strong objection against this collection, will the Government be kind enough to take on itself the work of channel clearing from the next year onwards?"

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" This, Sir, is a channel which has to be cleared by kudimaramath and so, the question of its being taken over by the Public Works Department does not arise."

SRI S. RADHAKRISHNAN :—" May I bring it to the notice of the Hon. Minister that the collection is made only from people growing sugarcane in that area? There are also lands irrigated

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with water pumped with the help of pumpsets. Will the Government give instructions to the Company not to make the collection from the lands irrigated with the help of electric pumpsets? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" I cannot understand that part of the question relating to pumpsets; even people taking water by means of pumpsets need water in the channel; if the channel gets silted up, there will not be any water in the channel for pumpsets to lift."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" May I know, Sir, whether the charge is compulsory even though the water is not used? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" That is a voluntary contribution."

SRI S. RADHAKRISHNAN :—" Why should the Government abdicate their sovereign right to a commercial firm instead of the Government themselves making the collection? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" It is a work that ought to be done by the ryots themselves and they should go and do the work themselves. If they have come to an understanding with the factory that the factory would advance the money and get the work done and get itself reimbursed by withholding a certain amount from the sugarcane bills of the ryots, I do not see any objection; it is not at all compulsory."

SRI M. P. THIAGARAJA PILLAI :—" In respect of this levy Sir, representations have been made by the ryots concerned. Would it not be the duty of the Government to meet the cost of clearance from their own funds and not to impose a sort of second levy upon the ryots? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" The hon. Member knows that in this State there are many irrigation channels where the work of clearance is done by the ryots under the kudimaramath system. I do not think we can ask the Government to take it up in the Public Works Department."

SRI P. PUNDARIKAKSHACHARYULU :—" May I know Sir, whether Government enquired if accounts are maintained by the factory for this purpose? " 9–10 a.m.

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" No complaints have been received about this."

SRI R. SIDDANNA GOWD :—" What is the total amount so collected? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" The collection is at the rate of Rs. 6 per acre. The hon. Member may make his own calculation."

SRI G. RAMA RAO :—" Question No. 721 is a very important one, Sir. An hon. Member rose to put the question but Mr. Speaker did not notice it. Probably he might have been authorized."

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MR. SPEAKER :—" When I called the question, the hon. Member Sri P. Venkatasubbiah was not in his seat and no other hon. Member stood up at that time. So I said that the answer would be printed in the proceedings and passed on to the next question."

House-rent allowance to the copyists in the Judicial Department.

* 723 *Q.*—SRI KUNHI MUHAMED SHAFEE : Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether copyists in the Judicial Department are treated as members of the superior services for all purposes of drawing emoluments as per G.O. No. 187, Home, dated 16th January 1950;

(*b*) whether they are denied the privilege of drawing the house-rent allowance; and

(*c*) if the answer to (*b*) is in the affirmative the reason for the same?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" (*a*) Copyists are treated as members of the superior services for purposes of leave and pension, under the conditions laid down in G.O. Ms. No. 187, Home, dated 16th January 1950.

" (*b*) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (*c*) It is because the grant of this to the copyists of the Judicial Department has to be considered along with the claims of various similar departments and the present financial position does not warrant the above grant."

Shoe-makers' Society, Cuddapah.

* 724 *Q.*—SRI S. NARAYANAPPA (on behalf of Sri P. Venkatasubbiah) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state the reasons for refusing to register the Shoe-makers' Society at Cuddapah as a Co-operative Society?

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" Owing to difficulties inherent in the leather and tanning business, the leather workers' societies are not able to push through their products in the market. The proposals to register a Shoe-makers' Society at Cuddapah and in some other places were therefore ordered to be dropped."

SRI R. SIDDANNA GOWD :—" Will the said Society be started as an experimental measure and will the Government see how it works? "

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" We have started some societies, Sir, and for the hon. Member's information I may tell him that we registered a society in Rajampet some two years ago. We gave a total amount of subsidy of Rs. 1,820. In spite of this help, the society could not function and it is on the verge of liquidation."